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EMPHASIS is shifting from Korea to South-east Asia. The rapid advance of the Vietminh through Laos has caused alarm in Saigon, Bangkok and Paris and has disconcerted London and Washington. The questions being asked may bring serious answers. In the first place, is the Vietminh advance part of a spontaneous revolt in the Kingdom of Laos or is it an overt act of aggression? Those — and they are many — who say that a Korean armistice should be conditional upon China's closing its frontiers with Indo-China, point out that Laos is one of three associated but independent States, of which the other two are Vietnam and Cambodia, and claim that the Vietminh, by marching into Laos, have as surely committed an act of aggression as the North Koreans did when they marched into South Korea.

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THESE claims are made by persons and interests who not only doubt the genuiness of Russia's "co-existence" campaign but also believe that peace with the Communists, whether Russian or Chinese, is more to be feared than cold war. The real trouble with Laos is, of course, that it has brought the Vietminh rebellion up against the frontier of Siam and, according to some observers, is threatening a vast outflanking movement in South-east Asia. That, at any rate, is the cry of distress sent out from Saigon and picked up even by that sober analyst, Mr. Adlai Stevenson, who recently described the Vietminh action in Laos as "the beginning of the Communist campaign to take Siam." That seems to be going a little far. What is clear is that the Vietminh, snatched a quick victory in the few weeks that were left to them before the rains. It is unlikely that they will overrun the whole Kingdom at this stage; but it does look as if they will be able to run a clear line of communications into the Chinese province of Yunnan and establish firmly in Laos a "resistance Government" of Laotians coached in China.

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IT is difficult to know the real facts. Some reports indicate that the Laos revolt is, in truth, indigenous—a linking of the resistance front in that small Kingdom with the resistance fronts in Cambodia and Vietnam. In a recent interview in New York the King of Cambodia declared that the people of Indo-China do not "want to die for the French." This may be a negative basis for revolt; but the swift progress of the Vietminh columns through Laos would suggest that the people of that country are helping rather than hindering the rebels. Even if this were conspicuously clear, the tendency not only in Saigon, Bangkok and even Singapore, but also in the Western capitals, would be to sound the alarm. South-east Asia is of greater strategic importance than Korea. Indo-China was described by Mr. Thomas Dewey as "the cornerstone of the cornerstone" of America's Pacific defences. A successful Vietminh campaign in Laos, even if it scrupulously observed the present frontiers of Siam (which are disputed) and keeps out of Burma, would invigorate the dissatisfied elements of the two neighbour States and weaken still further the authority of Bangkok and Rangoon.

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ON the evidence, France cannot stem the tide. Equally on the evidence, Soviet Russia, if indeed privy to the revolt, and China, which is obviously the main Vietminh source of supply, will not attempt to stem it. There are two possible alteratives: the military intervention of the Korean allies and a general Far East settlement involving the recognition of Ho Chi Minh as well as Hao Tse-tung.

Jerusalem, April 29.

Lebanese Caretaker Government Resigns

The three-man Lebanese caretaker Government led by Khaled Shihab submitted its resignation to President Camille Chamoun yesterday morning on the latter's return from Egypt, it is reported by ANA.

Shihab has been asked to remain in office for a day or so while the President confers with political leaders. He has already seen Abdullah el Yaffi, who was Premier from June 1951 to February 1952.

Parliament was due to meet last night to discuss the situation. Most members are believed to favour a dissolution with new elections, NEARE reports.

A fortnight ago the House refused to ratify legislation adopted by Shihab after his six-month mandate had terminated. He resigned office without constitutional right.

Cairo Wants Suez As Exclusively Egyptian Area

CAIRO, Tuesday. — Egypt is determined that Suez will become an Egyptian — and only an Egyptian — base after the British have withdrawn, a high Government source said today. He added in an interview that the future of the base will be one of the most important topics to be discussed during the current Anglo-Egyptian talks on the evacuation of British troops from the entire Suez area.

He was speaking as the British and Egyptian negotiators held their second session in the talks which opened yesterday, and said the Egyptian negotiators would accept nothing less than "unconditional evacuation" of the occupying forces. Egypt insisted the Suez base should not be tied with any Middle East defence set-up.

Foreign Forces

Egypt's attitude, he added, is that the Suez base would be "an Egyptian base" to be used only in Egypt's interests. Egypt is determined to oppose any British claims that Western forces should be allowed into the Canal Zone in case of threat of war. "Once the evacuation is completed," he added, "admittance into Egyptian territory of any foreign forces should be freely decided by Egypt alone and in conformity with Egypt's interests."

As to the question of technicians, the informant said Egypt will seek them from various sources and that "Britain will have no right to stipulate that these technicians should be British. "We can seek the services of other nationalities, as long as they are capable of doing the work," until Egyptians can assume the responsibility of maintaining the base without foreign assistance.

Meet 3 Hours

The British and Egyptian delegations had a three-hour meeting here today with a 45-minute break in which the two delegations conferred separately.

A joint communique issued afterwards merely recorded the meeting and said the two delegations will meet again tomorrow. (AP, Reuter)

U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery who has just returned from a visit to Turkey and Cyprus, tonight conferred with Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi.

Mr. Caffery is reported to be keeping the State Department informed on the progress of the Anglo-Egyptian talks.

Vietminh Columns Close In on Laos Capital

HANOI, Tuesday. — Advancing Vietminh forces yesterday captured Pakseng, an outpost 60 kms. north of Luang Prabang and one of the last points on the invasion route to the Laotian capital. Other Vietminh elements captured a second outpost, Sopsix, 40 kms. east of Luang Prabang.

Four Communist columns were advancing on the capital, three of them steering clear of the plain of Jarres where French Union forces were strongly entrenched. The main bodies were closing in from the east and north-east. From the north thousands of other Vietminh troops are nearing the capital, filtering Indian file through the thick jungle over mountain trails overlooking Luang Prabang in the Mekong River valley.

Vietminh forces appeared to have been reinforced by the arrival of troops turning in the direction of Luang Prabang after pursuing the Franco-Laotian garrison which evacuated Sam Neua in northern Laos at the start of the invasion on April 12, and it seemed likely that they may attempt to storm the capital once they coordinate their invasion columns from the east and north.

Bitter Defence

Pakseng was occupied after a bitter defence, and the fate of the garrison was still unknown today.

Though the French High Command is working frantically to build up defensive positions at Luang Prabang, French officers here say the possibility of holding the capital against a determined attack is doubtful. The capital, set among mountains where the Vietminh insurgents are always at their best, is considered one of the most difficult towns the French have had to defend.

A major problem is that the airfield where the French are rushing in supplies is seven kms. from the town across a small river. A pontoon bridge, the only link between the town and the airfield, would be "a real plum" for an attacking force, the officer said. He added that when the rains begin next month the airfield will soon become a quagmire. (AFP, AP, Reuter)

B.G. Reports To Security Group

Israel will use every effective means at its disposal to foil organized bands who come from neighbouring countries to commit premeditated murder. This was stated yesterday in a brief communique issued after an emergency meeting in Jerusalem of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee at which the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, Mr. D. Ben Gurion, and the Knesset Speaker, M. Yosef Sprinzak were present.

Mr. Ben Gurion, who outlined the latest developments in the security areas along the border, answered questions put to him by Committee members.

Personnel changes in the U.N. observer staff following the resignation of General William E. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, were discussed. The communique stated:

It is believed that organised bands come from the neighbouring countries in order to commit premeditated murders; the State will take all effective security measures to frustrate these attempts.

Knesset Reconvenes For Summer Session Monday

The Knesset will reconvene, following the spring recess, on Monday next at 4 o'clock with the first reading of the 1953/54 Expenditure Budget, it was announced yesterday.

In accordance with procedure adopted by the House Committee, discussions on the budget will be divided into six groups of Ministries and other Government offices. The first group, which has been allocated one hour, consists of the President's Office, the Knesset, and the State Controller's Office. The next group, which has been allocated seven hours, consists of the Ministries of Finance, Development, Agriculture, Labour, Communications, Posts, and Commerce and Industry.

The second item on the agenda is the first reading of the "Yad Veshem" bill setting up a memorial to the Jewish victims of the Nazis.

Amman R.A.F. Base To Be Modernized

AMMAN, Tuesday (Reuter). — King Hussein of Jordan visiting the R.A.F. station here today, heard that big developments will enable modern fighters and large transport planes to operate from the Jordan capital.

Air Marshal J.G. Hawtrey, Air Officer Commanding R.A.F. Iraq, told the 18-year-old King, "these undertakings will help to assure the continued security of Jordan and also promote the progress of civil aviation with its resultant economic benefits".

Welcoming the King, Air Marshal Hawtrey spoke of the R.A.F.'s "long association with the Hashemite House of Jordan".

After inspecting the guard of honour, King Hussein watched a march past headed by the Arab Legion bagpipe and brass band.

In the company of British Ambassador Geoffrey Furlonge and the Arab Legion Commander Lt.-General John Glubb, he saw a display of low flying by four Vampire jet fighters in tight formation.

'Falastin' Reports New Jordan Spy Ring

A ring which has spied for Israel was uncovered in Jordan less than 12 hours after two Arab Legionaires were hanged in Amman for treasonable action "Falastin," the Old City daily, reported yesterday. Six suspects living in Summeil village on the Armistice lines were detained for possessing military documents on Arab Legion affairs.

Strict orders to combat espionage and smuggling have been issued by General Ahmed Zidki Jundi, Deputy Chief of Staff, to all regional commanders, it was reported.

Cairo Radio to Give News in Hebrew

CAIRO, Tuesday (AP). — Egyptian news will be broadcast in Hebrew for the first time when the new Cairo transmitting station starts operating shortly, Minister of National Guidance Fuad Galal announced tonight. Galal said the new 200-kilowatt station will broadcast in several languages.

Arabs Protest to U.N. Over J'lem Clash

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Arab U.N. delegates sent memoranda to the President of the Security Council, the U.N. Secretary General and the Palestine Conciliation Commission last night "protesting vigorously against Israel's military firing and killing of Arab civilians in Jerusalem."

A statement on behalf of the Arab delegates headed by the Iraqi delegation said:

"This unprovoked firing at civilians by Israel soldiers has proved to be predetermined and carefully planned since it started simultaneously from two separate points along the armistice line in Jerusalem on April 22.

"The Government of Jordan has protested vigorously to the representatives of the governments responsible for the three-power declaration, the U.S., Britain and France, which was calculated to stem aggression in Palestine. It also complained to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

"The firing was resumed on April 23 this time shooting intermittently at pedestrians going about their daily business. This resulted in many deaths and more injuries.

"The Arab delegations regarded these events as further evidence supporting their protests that Israel has no peaceful intention in the Middle East and that, on the contrary, she harbours aggression and disruptive aims against Arab countries."

The new Syrian permanent delegate, Hafiz Asha today presented his credentials to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjoeld. Asha replaces Farid Zein e-Din who has been appointed Ambassador to Washington.

JORDAN DENIES ARAB LEGION ON SCOPUS

OLD CITY, Tuesday (AP). — Jordan today denied Israel reports that Arab Legion troops had been brought into the demilitarised zone on Mount Scopus.

"There is no truth whatsoever in these allegations", Col. Sharef, the Jerusalem Area Commander said. Israel said last night that Arab Legion troops were being brought into the Augusta Victoria Hospital near Mount Scopus. A complaint was lodged with the M.A.C.

Communists Told To Make Concrete Korea Proposals

PANMUNJOM, Tuesday (Reuter). — A 90-minute meeting of the Korean truce negotiators today failed to bring agreement nearer on the prisoner exchange issue and the U.N. threatened to recess the talks unless the Communists produced "something constructive."

The Communists said they were still prepared to continue discussion "in a spirit of mutual consultation in order to settle the question."

Lt.-Gen. William Harrison, the U.N. chief delegate, asked his Communist opposite number Gen. Nam Il point-blank to name a neutral nation to supervise prisoners who do not want to go home. "You have cast doubt on your intentions by rejecting Switzerland as a neutral," he declared. "Moreover, you have not even suggested the name of any other neutral state. Are you prepared to suggest the name of a neutral state to take custody of prisoners of war?"

Gen. Nam Il replied, "I have noted your question and propose a recess until tomorrow." This was agreed to. Tomorrow will be the fourth day of the resumed talks.

The Communist leader said, "the bloody war can be speedily brought to an end" by accepting his side's proposals that prisoners who did not wish repatriation should be sent to a neutral State for six months, "so that their apprehensions can be eliminated." He added, "it is utterly groundless to distort the proposal of our side, which applies prisoners of war to return home quickly, into a proposal for indefinite detention".

But Gen. Harrison again repeated his statement that the Communist proposal was unacceptable. The U.N. wants the prisoners to remain in Korea under Swiss supervision for 90 days so that their attitude towards repatriation can be determined. He recalled that it was an element of the Communist proposal for a resumption of full armistice talks that prisoners not directly repatriated should be turned over to a neutral State.

It had been naturally assumed that "Switzerland with its long history of neutrality and universally known humane efforts on behalf of prisoners of war would immediately be recognized by your side as a definite effort on our part to reach a satisfactory settlement," he declared.

WASHINGTON Tuesday (Reuter). — The State Department announced the appointment of Mr. Robert Murphy, former Ambassador in Japan, as official adviser to General Mark Clark, Supreme Commander in the Far East.

It said this did not imply any change in the military character of the Korean armistice negotiations.

Pinay Seen Victor In French Elections

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Conservative leader Antoine Pinay, forced out of office last December, is being proclaimed the victor of the French municipal elections. After the strong Conservative gains at the expense of Gaullists, there is a strong campaign under way for his return to power.

Many political observers think that the present Government headed by Premier Rene Mayer will fall soon after parliament reassembles and that M. Pinay will head the successor cabinet.

The municipal elections change nothing in the composition of the National Assembly, but it is probable that there will now be more secessions from the Gaullist parliamentary group already reduced from 115 to 85 members by the accession led by General Billotte last year. The further weakening of the pure Gaullist bloc in the Assembly would facilitate that "larger and more coherent majority" for which ex-Premier Pinay called yesterday.

The Communist Party lost 5,759 local council seats in the 19,932 municipal election districts for which final results are available, Minister of the Interior Charles Brune announced tonight. They gained three seats in Paris, raising their representation to 29 in the 90-member council.

Counting is not yet completed in Marseilles, Lyons, Brest, Toulon and Rheims.

JOBS FOR 8,000 PLANNED

A plan to employ 8,000 jobless daily in agriculture and, to some extent, in Government and Municipal public works was discussed yesterday by the special inter-Ministerial committee appointed to find an interim solution to the unemployment question, The POST learned in Jerusalem last night.

The plans were submitted to the committee by the Ministers of Labour and Agriculture. Their implementation would cost about IL.1m. a month. The monies should come from the Development Budget.

The committee, headed by the Director-General of the Prime Minister's office, Mr. T. Kollek, will meet again next week to discuss proposals submitted for unemployment relief by other Ministries, particularly that of Commerce and Industry, before presenting its final recommendations to the Cabinet.

GERMANS IN YEMEN

FRANKFURT, Tuesday (INA). German experts are at present exploiting the Yemen's natural resources, Viceroy Prince Seif el Islam Hasan, said here yesterday on leaving after a two months' stay in Germany.

The Prince has visited many industrial plants and negotiated for German investments and long-term Government credits. He has also discussed possible German help in building a new harbour on the Red Sea.

West Cool to Molotov Bid For Big 5 Peace Conference

Inclusion of China an Obstacle

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Western politicians tonight shrugged off Russia's renewed call for a Big Five peace pact as "the same mixture as before." Some even interpreted it as a retrograde step compared with other recent peace overtures from Moscow because of the known difficulties blocking such a pact.

Russia stated its willingness to negotiate a Big Five pact in a statement signed by Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov early today. It was addressed to leaders of the Communist World Peace Movement and published in the Moscow press.

Commenting on the Soviet proposal a Foreign Office spokesman said today that the U.N. charter already constituted a peace pact between four of the five powers concerned. The fifth power, Communist China, is not a member of the U.N. "The Soviet Government had already made such a proposal on many occasions since the war," the spokesman added.

Prospects Dim

Prospects of its acceptance by the West in present circumstances are considered to be infinitely less than the prospects of agreement to attend talks on a four-power basis between Britain, the U.S., Russia and France.

From Paris it was reported that French diplomatic quarters thought the Soviet Foreign Minister had added nothing definite to the Russian "peace offensive."

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper "Pravda," today printed an editorial backing Mr. Molotov and the world "peace" movement. It said, "It is clear to everybody that the force of the U.N. depends in the first place on unity among the five big nations."

Mr. Molotov's message was a reply to an appeal from the "Commission of the Congress of Peoples in Defence of Peace." This appeal, whose chief signatory was Professor Frederic Joliot-Curie, French Communist scientist, asked the Big Five to conclude a peace pact. He said, "The Government of the Soviet Union, pursuing its policy of strengthening peace and collaboration among peoples, expressed solidarity with the appeal of the Congress of Peoples in Defence of Peace and with the proposals contained in the appeal. The Soviet Government is convinced that there are no controversial or unsolved problems that could not be solved by peaceful means on the basis of agreement among interested countries.

"Accordingly the Soviet Government declares its constant readiness to collaborate with the governments of other states for the achievement of the high aims of strengthening universal peace and international security".

The message was signed by Mr. Molotov "by instructions of the Soviet Government."

Answers Objections

In a front-page editorial "Pravda" pointed out that M. Joliot-Curie's appeal was based on a resolution passed by the Peace Congress in Vienna in 1952, which in turn evolved from an idea originating at the Paris Peace Congress of 1949. It claimed that 600 million persons signed a petition for Big Five talks.

Answering past objections and anticipating fresh ones that such talks would undermine the authority of the U.N., the paper said, "Such arguments are unworthy of criticism. Actually, who does not know that the strength of the U.N. itself depends primarily on the unity and will of the Big Five?" It said that a Big Five peace pact would on the contrary strengthen the U.N.

London diplomatic quarters expressed considerable disappointment today that Moscow should have reverted to its earlier proposal of a five-power pact, since such a proposal raised immediately the question of U.N. recognition of the Chinese Communists.

CENSURE MOTION

LONDON, Tuesday. — The Labour opposition tabled a motion a censure in the Commons tonight accusing the Government of "acting in a manner contrary to the spirit of the Constitution and in such a way as to impair the privileges of the Commons."

This arose out of the "guillotining" of yesterday's debate on the denationalization of the road haulage bill which finally passed the House by 304 votes to 278.

The motion, signed by former Premier Clement Attlee, Mr. Aneurin Bevan and other front-benchers, will probably be debated next week.

The bill returned from the House of Lords last week with 70 amendments. Labour members immediately tabled 68 "amendments to the amendments."

Peking Backs Molotov Call for Parleys

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Communist China's Prime Minister Chou En-lai today supported the call for a Big Five peace pact made by Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov.

Mr. Chou's statement, uttered by to Peking Radio, was contained in a message to leaders of the Communist-led World Peace Congress. He said, "In accordance with the conviction that nations of different systems can co-exist in peace the Government of the People's Republic of China holds that the recommendation (for Five-power negotiations) and the views advanced in the appeal of the People's Peace Congress are in complete accord with the common demands of all the people throughout the world who cherish a desire for peace.

"The Government of the People's Republic of China is convinced that provided there is genuine good faith in each party it should be possible and it is possible to settle every dispute between the nations by the method of peaceful negotiations."

West Indies States Favour Federation

LONDON, Tuesday (AP)). — Envoys from Britain's far-flung West Indian possessions today agreed on federation for the strategically vital area, informed British sources said. These sources said that delegates, who have debated the federation plan for two weeks in the British capital, expect to issue an agreed report tomorrow which will probably go before the West Indian Legislatures for action some time this fall.

So far, the sources said, defence, foreign affairs, exchange control and customs would be in the hands of the Federation's Central Government. Location of the central government was not disclosed but informants said it would probably be in Trinidad.

Still holding aloof from the federation are British Guiana, the rich diamond and bauxite producer in South America, and British Honduras, on the east coast of Central America. Delegates to the conference came from five West Indian areas — Trinidad, Barbadis, Jamaica and the Leeward and Windward Island groups. Honduras and Guiana sent observers.

U.S. Urges 'Official' Soviet Proposal

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — The State Department today branded Russia's public proposal for a Big Five conference as a propaganda move and called on the Soviet Union to take official action to promote peace.

In a statement, the press officer, Mr. Michael McDermott, said that the State Department "would regret if the discussion about standing issues now disturbing the peace of the world were to degenerate into a mere propaganda battle." He noted that Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov addressed the proposal for a five-power talk to an unofficial body and said, "The Department still awaits official action on the part of the Soviet Union to promote the cause of peace, not mere words."

Mr. McDermott said a Big Five pact appears to be unnecessary in view of the U.N. Charter "which is a peace instrument binding on all nations."

'Pravda' Hits NATO Council Meeting

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — "Pravda" said today that the NATO meeting in Paris last week and its decisions toward reviving German armed strength "show up what the peace-loving declarations of the Atlantic Bloc leaders are worth."

Moscow Radio today broadcast the "Pravda" article on the NATO meeting by its correspondent in Paris. "The session devoted special attention to the establishment of the notorious 'German Army' that is, the revival of the German Wehrmacht," it said.

"Facts show that Western Germany even now plays a definite part in the Atlantic Bloc. It is no accident, as the Paris press reported, that the Bonn Government on a par with other participants submitted replies to questions put by the NATO Council regarding the fulfilment of the armaments programme last year."

World Losing Battle for Food

PARIS, Tuesday (AP). — Mr. Norris Dodd, head of U.N.'s Food and Agricultural Organization, said today that the world is still "losing the battle for food". Food production has increased only 9% during the last 15 years, he told a news conference, while the world's population has increased 16%.

Mr. Dodd said, however, he has seen some hopeful signs in some parts of the world, one of them is Morocco. In the area between Fes and Marrakech, the Moroccan farmer is now producing crops that compare with California, and French and Moroccan Governments are staking the natives in an immense agricultural development programme that has turned a once arid land into a farm belt producing just about every kind of crop.

But Dodd pointed out that such progress has not been made in any other part of the world, particularly the Far East. Countries that were well fed before the war are now better fed, he said, and those poorly fed before the war are now worse off.

SWASTIKAS IN ROME

ROME, Tuesday (UP). — A group of neo-Fascist youths were picked up by the police last night while painting swastikas on the doors of Rome shops owned by Jews.

They were released after they had erased the Nazi emblems.

WJC Leader Sees U.S. President

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (INA). — Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the American Jewish Congress, today discussed with President Dwight Eisenhower local and Israel matters.

On leaving the White House, Dr. Goldstein said: "During our conference I discussed with the President a number of problems (which) included revision of our immigration laws, matters pertaining to civil rights and civil liberties and problems relating to Israel.

He said that he had expressed appreciation to Mr. Eisenhower for his request that Congress permit immigration of 240,000 persons over quotas during a two-year period and for his letter relaying complaints on the McCarran-Walter Immigration Law. He said that these Presidential acts were "very heartwarming and encouraging".

Dr. Goldstein expressed appreciation to the President for his friendly attitude towards Israel and his interest in peace and stability in the Middle East.

"I found the President in general very understanding and very sensitive to the moral implications of all the subjects I mentioned", he said.

Criminal Case Against U.S .Oil Firms Dropped

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Government today formally dropped a criminal anti-trust suit against five mayor American oil companies but left the way open to reinstate it later if necessary. Federal Attorney-General Brownell last week filed a civil suit against the companies designed to take the place of the criminal proceedings.

The companies—Standard Oil of New Jersey, Standard Oil of California, Socony Vacuum, the Texas Company and the Gulf Oil Corporation—are alleged to have taken part in an international oil cartel. Named with them in the criminal proceedings were two foreign companies, the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and Royal Dutch Shell.

INDIA IRAQ RATIFY 'PERPETUAL PEACE'

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (AP). — The treaty of "perpetual peace and friendship" between India and Iraq, signed in Baghdad last November, was ratified by both Governments and became effective today, the Foreign Ministry has announced.

15 Anti-Peron Leaders Held in Bomb Inquiry

BUENOS AIRES, Tuesday (Reuter). — Argentine police today continued their wave of arrests during the investigation of three bomb explosions.

Fifteen opposition leaders in prison, include the President of the Radical Party, Sr. Santiago H. de Castillo.

The first explosion occurred early in March near a train carrying President Juan Peron back from Chile. On April 3 explosions killed six persons and injured 70 as the President was addressing a rally of 150,000 persons here. On April 28, a bomb exploded in a military club a few hours after the President had attended a meeting there).

NEW PURCHASE TAXES IMPOSED

A purchase tax has been imposed on linen, laundry soap, cleaning and laundry materials, tooth paste, brushes, socks, brassieres, rubber boots, galoshes, kitchen towels, sun glasses, scales and plywood, it was officially announced yesterday. Luxury taxes have been imposed on chenille cloth, gramophone needles, stamp and autograph albums, accumulators and carbon dioxide.

The tax on tape has been reduced and that on children's shoes made on a special last lifted.

On the following items the luxury tax has been replaced by a purchase tax: cotton cloth, tape made partially from plastic or bakelite, electric bulbs and domestic sewing machines.

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Social & Personal

Prime Minister David Ben Gurion received the four-man delegation from India, which is studying co-operative agriculture here as guests of the Government, in Jerusalem yesterday. The delegation members are: Messrs. S. Prasad, of Bihar, S.A. Jatakshandmath, of Bombay, B. Goswami, of West Bengal, and G. K. Bog, of Kashmir. The Prime Minister also received Dr. R. Cameron, of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, and Dr. A. G. Black, who heads the Organization's delegation in Israel. Mr. Ben Gurion also saw Rabbi Abraham M. Hirschberg, President of Poalei Agudat Yisrael in the U.S.

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Mr. M. Brown, who accepted the chairmanship of the combined United Jewish Appeal in Boston, lunched with the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, and the Secretary-General of the Jewish Agency, Mr. E. Eisenberg, yesterday.

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Dr. A. Bergman, director of the State Revenues Department of the Ministry of Finance, left by El Al for Rome on his way to Cologne on Monday night to take up his new post of deputy director of the Reparations Purchasing Commission.

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Mgr Giuseppe Palatucci, Bishop of Campagna, and Fra Francesco Alfonso Palatucci, of the Franciscan Order in Italy, were received yesterday by the Acting Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. E. Peri. They were accompanied by Mgr. Antonio Vergani Partriarchal Vicar of Galilee. Mr. Peri also received Father Jacobus, Coptic Archbishop in the Old City of Jerusalem and the Middle East, accompanied by Coptic Church dignitaries from Jaffa.

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Brigadier-General Morris Troper, U.S. army, arrived by KLM yesterday for a short visit.

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Judge and Mrs. Simon Rifkind of New York and Mr. and Mrs. James Becker of Chicago were the guests of honour at a tea given by Dr. H.W. Senator, Executive Vice-President of the Hebrew University, at his home on Monday. The President and the Vice-President of the University were among those present.

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The last arrivals among delegates to the World WIZO Executive meeting which opened in Tel Aviv this week are Mrs. Olga Lieblich and Mrs. Henry Landau of Brazil, Mrs. Berthe Da Gershunoff of Buenos Aires, and Mrs. Olga Alman of London.

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At the recent annual general meeting of the Israel-America Friendship League a 27-member Council was chosen. Mr. Gershon Agron was unanimously elected chairman of the Council, in succession of Prof. A. M. Dushkin.

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The Jerusalem branch of Histachdut Ivrit Britannia held a reception for the Jewish National Fund delegation from England at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Shaw. The guests were welcomed by Mr. Shaw and Mr. A. S. Super. Dr. Edward Barron and Mrs. Valerie Gould responded.

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Mr. K. Federman, main participant in the Israel Miami Group, left yesterday by TWA for Switzerland.

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A cocktail-party was given by HASSCO on Monday April 27, at their head office in Tel Aviv, in honour of the delegation of the United Nashelaiser Relief Organization of Los Angeles, headed by Mr. Benjamin M. Bendat, on the eve of their return to the United States.

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Mr. B. Van Leer, the Dutch industrialist, returned to Holland by KLM yesterday after a short visit to Israel.

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Ten members of the American Christian Committee for Israel returned to the U.S. by El Al yesterday after a fortnight's visit here.

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Dr. David Kochav will be awarded the Dr. Emanuel Koenig Memorial Prize in Economics for his M.A. thesis on "Imports Without Payment in Israel 1949-52" at the Terra Sancta Building, Jerusalem, (Hall 31) at 5 o'clock this evening. The public is invited.

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Mr. Jon Kimche, editor of the "Jewish Observer and Middle East Review," will be the guest speaker at tomorrow's luncheon meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club.

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Mr. S. Friedman (Z. Shetkovski), of Paris and New York, known for his research into the history of modern French Jewry, is now visiting the country.

Australian Citizen Again Kept from Leaving Country

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Another order restraining Mr. Hirsh Brender, 50, an Australian citizen, from leaving the country till next Thursday was issued here yesterday by District Court Judge Y. Lamm. The original order was issued on April 16 and expired yesterday. The police were duly notified.

The Judge acted on an application by the Palestine-British Bank, Ltd., which stated through its attorney, Mr. J. Benzion, that Mr. Brender owed the Bank £6,000. The debt was incurred in London in 1946 against a security of bills of lading when Mr. Brender was a director of the then extant Middle East Trading Co., Ltd., it was stated. Mr. Brender had borrowed £12,000 on goods destined for Palestine, Egypt and Syria, some of which were "fictitious" and thus caused the debt.

Judge Lamm issued the order restraining the respondent from leaving against a deposit of IL.3,000 and instructed the appelant to produce evidence supporting his claim.

During the hearing today Mr. M. Williams, manager of the Palestine-British Bank's London branch, testified that when the outstanding debt was not settled he searched for Mr. Brender in Italy, but could not find him. He then chanced to hear that he was here. Mr. Williams said he had no documents at present, as they were in Britain.

Meanwhile Mr. Asher Levitsky, acting for the respondent, submitted a motion to the Court claiming that the Court here had no jurisdiction over what had happened in England and that, in any case, the claim was frivolous and vexatious. Mr. Brender submitted a declaration on oath denying all the charges and accusing the other party of bad intentions.

The Bank's lawyers will produce their evidence in Court on Thursday. Mr. Brender told The POST he was going to remain in Israel with his family and would go into business here.

Court Order in Ex-Gunner's Lodging Case

POST Legal Correspondent

The High Court ordered the Minister of Defence last week, to show cause why he should not withdraw instructions to evict Mr. Y. Garbasz, a former Air Force gunner, from his apartment.

The applicant, who had immigrated from Australia in 1948, stated that he had served four and a half years in the Air Force. When he married, he was given an apartment by the Government. Following his discharge, however, he was told he would have to move out and he was allegedly warned that he would be forcibly evicted on Monday.

In a letter to the Minister of Defence, Mr. Garbasz stressed the impossibility of finding alternative accomodations, since his salary had not permitted adequate savings. It was argued in Court on Friday, that nobody, not even the Army, might forcibly evict the applicant without the judgment of a competent court of law.

The Court, composed of Justices Olshan, Cheshin and Silberg, also ordered that the applicant be permitted to stay in the flat until a final decision was given. Mr. A. Divon represented the petitioner.

SON IMPRISONED FOR STRIKING MOTHER

For striking his mother in the eye, Shlomo Zalah, 28, was sentenced to five days imprisonment by a Jerusalem Magistrate' on Monday. He was also bound over in a bond of IL.100 to be of good behaviour for one year.

The incident occurred when the accused's mother distributed chocolate to his younger brothers and the entire family became involved in a dispute.

Histadrut Will Hold Rally On May Day in T.A.

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — May Day will be marked here by a rally in the Maccabia Stadium sponsored by the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Labour Council.

There will be no Histadrut-sponsored parade this year; Mapam will arrange a march from their headquarters in Rehov Brenner to the Stadium, and a separate procession will be organized by the Communists with Dr. Sneh Faction.

A Communist Party delegation called on Mr. Reuven Barkatt at the Histadrut Executive yesterday to ask permission for Communist members to take part in May Day celebrations on Friday and for Communist youth groups to march in the May Day procession.

Both requests were rejected on the grounds that the Party's views were not in conformity with the spirit of the Histadrut and that the Party had refused to take part in events during "Histadrut Week" last year. The youth parade, would be of "pioneering youth," a term which could not include young Communists, Mr. Barkatt said. He also pointed out that in last year's May Day processions, Communist youth had acted in a "provocative manner" by using unauthorized slogans and banners.

University Students' Elections Postponed

POST University Correspondent

The elections to the Hebrew University Student Association's Council due to have been held today have been postponed by the Association's Executive on the grounds that insufficient time had been granted to the various lists to appeal the decisions of the election committee on election procedure. No new date for elections was fixed, but according to the Association's constitution, they cannot be held later than May 6.

Some 150 students attended an election rally of the 'Socialist-Unity' list in the Ben Yehuda Cafe on Monday night at which Mr. S. Mikunis, Communist M.K. and Dr. M. Sneh, M.K. were the principal speakers.

Dr. Sneh called for a reduction in the budgets of the Defence and Security forces and an increase in Government support for the University.

Mr. Mikunis, after attacking the Government for its war-mongering spirit, criticized what he called the 'Americanization' of the University. He also denounced the Mapam students for refusing to join the ranks of the extreme left.

The Mapam students are holding an election rally this evening at which Mr. I. Barzilai, former Minister to Poland, and Mr. I. Ben Aharon, M.K., will be the principal speakers, and student-poets, including Haim Guri, Haim Hefer, and Moshe Shamir, will participate.

P.M. Urges Increased Technological Training

KFAR SABA, Monday. — Prime Minister Ben Gurion urged the development of the sciences and the arts in Israel as agriculture, industry and social life could not be built here with the help of foreign experts alone. He was addressing a national convention of student members of Mapai from the Hebrew University, the Haifa Technion and the Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics on Sunday.

The Prime Minister said that despite the fact that American technological achievements were of the highest possible order they could not serve as an example for us as they were made under conditions of luxury and plenty. Here we must build in poverty so that Switzerland and Japan were better examples for us. Nevertheless, the Prime Minister said, American experts, many of whom were Jews, were most needed here and he expressed the hope that they would come to settle in Israel.

Mr. Ben Gurion said that the State now spent IL.2m. on higher education, as against IL. 45,000 in the first year of the State. However, he added large-scale purchases of laboratory and other equipment need had been made out of grant-in-aid funds.

The Minister of Education, Professor Ben Zion Dinur, referring to the Tel Aviv Municipality's plan to build a university, said that that was difficult and perhaps undesirable as the country lacked academic teaching personnel. He said if there were funds they ought to be spent on better secondary schools.

HAIFA REQUISITIONS LAND FOR BUILDING

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Town Council has decided to requisition 612 dunams of land in west Haifa to help solve the housing and planning problem of the area. Only General Zionist Councillors voted against the proposal after a long debate.

The land is owned by the Government, the National Funds, churches, private persons, the Custodian of Abandoned property, and persons living abroad. The land will be re-parcelled and building, partly financed by the Municipality, will begin shortly.

BELGIAN NEWSMEN VISIT RUSSIA

BRUSSELS, Tuesday, (AFP).— Representatives of three Belgian newspapers of various political colouring left this morning for a three-week tour of the Soviet Union. A fourth journalist, representing a right-wing paper, has not yet received his Russian visa and will join the group in Moscow.

REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Egypt's Control of Canal A Grave Threat to Israel

Commenting on the opening of the Anglo-Egyptian talks, "Haboker" (General Zionist) says that Great Britain should have paid more attention to the Israel request to have a say in the decisions about the future of the Suez area, not only in view of the improvement of relations between the two countries but also from a realistic point of view. The paper feels that though the Arab rulers have quickly learned to adapt the new anti-Imperialist slogans their attitude towards Western civilization is unchanged. If the British allow Suez to become an Egyptian *mare nostrum*, it may well happen that the restrictions now imposed upon ships on their way to or from Israel will be applied to Britain also. Official opinion as reflected in a recent "Economist" article reminds the paper of the Sanjaga period, when Jews of this country practised self-restraint in the face of Arab attacks.

Against Israel

Dealing with the same topic "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) says that though Anglo-American plans with regard to Suez and an (Arab) Middle Eastern defence scheme are ostentatiously directed against the Soviet Union, they are first and foremost levelled against Israel. Analysing General Nagib's conflicting statement on Israel the paper says that there is no doubt at all that the present Egyptian rulers have aggressive intentions towards us, even if they must temporarily content themselves with guerrilla warfare, an economic boycott etc. The paper says that an Arab defence agreement such as proposed by Nagib will constitute no danger to the Soviet Union and the "People's Democracies" nor will the Western powers greatly benefit from it. It is, on the other hand, an open threat against Israel, and we should therefore refuse to take part in any Middle Eastern Defence scheme.

"Hatsofe" (Hapoel Hamizrahi) also believes that the transfer of the Suez base to Egypt will not affect world politics very much, apart from the fact that the Western position in the Middle East will be weakened, but that it constitutes a threat to Israel. It is a further step in the attempt to appease the Arabs and renders military preparedness on our part imperative. Our international position and our security mainly depend upon military strength.

"Davar" (Histadrut) complains that "Ha'aretz" (Independent) apparently believes (as did the Revisionists) that the Histadrut is always wrong. ("Ha'aretz" opposes emergency work for the unemployed and the Unemployment Tax, proposing that the means at the disposal of the Histadrut ("Mishan" etc.) should be used instead.) "Davar" says that such lack of responsibility is very rare even among the most reactionary papers abroad, and is moreover an extremely shortsighted approach: In its desire to defend the interests of the capitalists "Ha'aretz" forgets that moneyed classes too will eventually suffer as a result of mass unemployment.

Urgent Necessity

"Omer" (Histadrut) in an almost identical editorial also criticises "Ha'aretz" maintaining that building etc. within the framework of development schemes is an urgent necessity.

"Herut" complains about the irresponsibility of Jerusalem's authorities: there is less and worse food in Jerusalem than anywhere else, water costs more etc. In conclusion, the paper asserts that the "residents of the capital demand their rights."

"Hador" comments on the propaganda of the "Socialist Unity List" (Maki and Dr. Sneh) in view of the forthcoming elections at the H.U. and "Ha'aretz" deals with questions relating to the organization of our educational system.

ESSENE COMMON HOUSE DESTROYED IN 70 C.E.

POST Correspondent

AMSTERDAM (By Mail).—The building at Khirbet Kumran, excavated by Mr. Lancester Harding and Père de Vaux during the past year and supposed to have been the headquarters of the sect that wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls, was described by Prof. Jean Danielou, of Paris in a guest lecture at Nijmegen University recently.

The rectangular building, 30 by 37 metres, dates from the second and first century B.C.E. and was probably destroyed about the year 70. Adjoining it is a large cistern, and nearby a cemetery where at least 1,000 persons were buried.

Mr. Harding and Père de Vaux consider the building to have been the central 'common house' and cemetery of the Essenes. In the year 70, when they were forced to leave their quarters, they hid their books in the numerous caves in the neighbourhood, in some of which they sought a refuge themselves.

Important new finds of Dead Sea scrolls are reported by a Belgian expedition from the Roman Catholic University of Louvain which has been exploring the area for the last two-and-a half months. Details of the finds will not be made public before the expedition's return to Belgium at the end of this month.

The expedition is headed by Prof. R.A. de Langhe. Its other members are Captain Philippe Lippens, who as a Belgian U.N observer in 1949 assisted in the discovery, of other Dead Sea scrolls; Dr. Jacques Ryckmans, semitologist (a nephew of the Arabic scholar Professor Ryckmans), Pere Leclerq, geologist, and Henri Brifaut, alpinist.

The party first concentrated its attention on Khirbet Jebel el Mird, eight kilometres from Khirbet Kumran. Some of the members afterwards explored the Wadi Murabba'at, where Mr. Harding discovered important Nabatean papyri and documents of the Bar Kochba revolt some months ago.

FUNDS IN HOLLAND MAY BE TRANSFERRED

The efforts being made in Holland to transfer to Israel unused funds of Jewish institutions there were reported on at the annual meeting of Irgun Olei Holland in Tel Aviv on Sunday.

Dr. L. Levy spoke on "Plans for Agricultural Development." The organization was also told of the work being done for the absorption of immigrants.

Mr. David Himmes was appointed to the General Committee.

Fourteenth University-Technion Meet

The University and Technion face each other today in the 14th meeting between Israel's top education establishments and will field teams in soccer, light athletics, handball, swimming and water-polo in friendly rivalry. The basketball and ping-pong sides already met last Thursday.

Two other sports meets are planned by the Sports Committee of the University to take place in the near future. On May 3, Lag B'Omer, the traditional 10-man team Capital Run through the streets of Jerusalem over a distance of 10,000 metres will be held. Local organizations from the rest of the country and some military contingents, including the Paratroopers who first participated last year, are to field teams. At the same time, younger student athletes from the High Schools will race each other in the Capital's streets. On the same day a "blitz" handball tournament for the Dr. A. Biran Cup will be held. Last year 12 teams took part.

The Committee is also planning the annual Students' Day for University athletes who will take part in an inter-Faculty sports day in various events. A special feature this year will be the participation of First Year students, who this term qualified for an instituted compulsory sports programme, introduced by agreement between University authorities and the Physical Training Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Any organization or club wishing to participate in the May 3 runs or handball tournament are asked to contact the University Students' Sports Committee immediately.

Maccabi Basketball League Results

MEN "A": Brith Maccabim Attid 40, Tel Aviv 25. Youth 1b. 1938): T. A. North 28, Rehovot 16; South 17, T.A. 10; B.M.A. 48, Rehovot 25; South 17, Ramat Gan 15.

Turpin — Humez Fight

The London boxing promoter, Jack Solomons, said on Saturday in London that the U.S. National Boxing Review Board will reconsider its decision not to recognize the Randolph Turpin-Charles Humez fight on June 9 as a world middleweight title bout.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

4.30, 7, 9.0 p.m.

ARNON: Spring Parade.
EDEN: Qeo Vadis.
EDISON: Naked City.
OR-GIL: D.O.A.
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ORNA: The Strange Door.
STUDIO: The Snake Pit.
ZION: Exile.

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Geneva Banknote Rates

GENEVA, April 24 (AP). — The following are today's banknote quotations in Swiss francs (average of buying and selling rates):

United States (dollar)	4.58
Canada (dollar)	4.33½
Great Britain (pound)	11.80
France (100 frs.)	1.03¼
West. Germany (100 mk.)	91.50
Belgium (100 fr.)	9.20
Holland (100 guilders)	108.25
Sweden (100 kronor)	75.75
Italy (100 lire)	¼
Austria (100 sch.)	16.85
Czechoslovakia (100 cr.)	1.60
Denmark (100 kr.)	58.00
Norway (100 kr.)	56.50
Egypt (Eg. pound)	10.60
Israel (Isr. pound)	1.00
Spain (100 pesetas)	9.92½
Portugal (100 escudos)	14.97
Argentina (100 pesos)	27.50
Brazil (100 cruzeiros)	9.50
Turkey (Turk. pound)	0.97
Yugoslavia (100 dinars)	0.90

Where to go

★ JERUSALEM ★

9-1; 3-8: Exhibition: "One Nation Out of Many Peoples." Recent French Acquisitions. Bezalel Museum.

9-4: Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.

10-1: Sanhedria Tombs.

11.30-12.30: Film Show at Keren Hayesod.

10-1; 4-6: Jerusalem Artists. Spring Exhibition. Artists House.

10-12; 4-6: Exhibition of Paintings. Y.M.C.A.

★ TEL AVIV ★

8.30 p.m.: Li-La-Lo, "Spring in Tel Aviv." Jascha Heifetz Hall.

8.30 p.m.: "The Heiress," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi.

★ HAIFA ★

4-7 p.m.: Haya Schwartz Paintings. Artists Home, 32 Uno Ave., (opp. Carmelia).

10-1; 4-8: Jewish Antiquities, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Arabic Art; Municipal Museum, Town Hall.

8.30 p.m.: "Desire Under the Elms," Chamber Theatre, Armon Hall.

8.30 p.m.: Marina Svetlova and her Group, "Orah."

10-1; 4-8: Paintings by Haifa Artists, Municipal Museum, Town Hall.

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Today's Post Bag

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Tiberias	41	13	30	32
Haifa Port	29	14	24	28
Natanya	27	12	25	29
Hakirya	—	10	28	29
Tel Aviv Port	28	13	30	27
Lydda Airport	30	7	28	34
Jerusalem	16	11	25	21
Beersheba	25	8	29	27
Eilat	35	16	33	38

FORECAST: Sharav.

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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ON MONDAY, May 4 (Iyar 15), the date on which the Old City fell, a ceremony will be held on Mount Zion to express Israel's concern for the Old City. Arrangements have been made by the Chief Rabbinate, and the Ministry for Religious Affairs has published a pamphlet containing the programme and the Psalms which have been designated for recital.

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A PROGRAMME in Yiddish dedicated to the Jewish community of Pinsk will be broadcast tonight over Kol Zion Lagola at 9.30. The speakers will be Dr. Eliezer ... former Vice-Mayor of Pinsk, Mr. Moshe Kol, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Mr. M. Gross-Zimmerman.

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YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS planning excursions may arrange for a Magen David Adom first-aid unit to accompany them. Applications should be addressed to the M.D.A. head office, Hakirya, Tel Aviv (Tel. 68374), one week in advance.

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ON THE OCCASION of the 10th anniversary of the death of Joseph Achron, the composer, Kol Israel is to broadcast a special programme at 8 o'clock tonight.

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GOVERNMENT OFFICES will be closed to the public on May 1 although work will be conducted as usual.

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THE CENTRAL Bureau for Planning and Economic Coordination and the Scientific Council have moved to the David Building in Jerusalem. Telephone: 23378.

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FIVE HUNDRED tons of onions are due from Turkey on Friday and 150 tons of dates from France next week.

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A SPECIAL postal agency is to be opened tomorrow for one day on the deck of the s.s. Stella Polaris in Haifa Port.

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A TOTAL of 8,130,884 crates of citrus were shipped abroad by April 20. Britain took 3,667,981 crates of oranges, lemons and grapefruit.

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WHILE SEARCHING the crew of the s.s. Tel Aviv in Haifa for smuggled food stuffs recently, frontier police came upon $1,000, 40 Japanese cents and 20 Czechoslovak krones in the possession of Hassan Anbes, 24, of Tira, near Haifa. He was detained and later released in bond.

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DAN BUS Cooperative's ticket booklets sold prior to the recent price increase will be invalidated on May 1, but holders will be able to sell them back to the company at the Central Bus Terminal office.

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IN THE nation-wide competition among pupils in vocational schools taking metal work, Mr. Alexander Weiss of the Ort school in Givatayim received the first prize — a wrist watch.

Tributes to Remez At Zichron Ya'acov Meeting

HADERA, Tuesday. — The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi, Cabinet Ministers and representatives of public institutions attended a meeting at Zichron Ya'acov this afternoon, in memory of David Remez, the former Minister of Communications, who died two years ago and was buried at the cemetery there. Mr. Zalman Shazar, Member of the Jewish Agency Executive spoke.

Some of the mourners then went to view the nearby rest house built by the Building Workers' Union which will be named after David Remez and which will open in June.

Youth Jamboree For Next Summer

Some three thousand youths, half of whom are to come from youth movements abroad, are expected to participate in a giant youth rally to take place in summer 1954. Preparations for it are in full swing at the Jewish Agency. It will include a fortnight's stay in special camps, a five-day giant 'jamboree' devoted to cultural and social activities, and a five-day tour of the country.

The Government has agreed to cover half the costs, which are tentatively estimated at between IL.100,000 and IL.120,000. The rally was discussed at a meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive which met at the beginning of the week. Mr. E. Dobkin, member of the Agency Executive, who is going abroad today, gave details of the project.

823 Immigrants Arrived In February

During February 4,620 persons entered the country while 4,104 left, according to figures reported in the current issue of the "Statistical Bulletin."

There were 823 immigrants, of whom 402 (48.9%) were from Morocco and 143 (17.3%) from Persia. Tourists accounted for 1,852 (1,091 Jews) of the total. In addition there were 909 one-day visitors.

A total of 1,360 residents left the country in February.

Bulldozer for Tzuba

A giant bulldozer, a gift from the Jewish youth of Connecticut who "adopted" the Palmah kibbutz Tzuba in the Jerusalem Corridor, was used for the first time last week to level ground for a children's house. Present at the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Dan of Connecticut and Mr. Moshe Unoosikin, Treasurer of the Keren Hayesod.

Tzuba is the 14th settlement to be adopted by youth groups and schools in the U.S., England, Australia, Canada and India. Gifts to other settlements included a dental clinic, radios and records.

J'lem Water Shortage To Continue

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The end of the water shortage in Jerusalem depends on whether Mayor Kariv or the Water Department manage to muster the IL.37,000 demanded by the Jerusalem Electric Corporation as the minimum sum on account of IL.80,000 owing for current supplied to the city pumps.

Mr. Singer, manager of the J.E.C., declined to ... IL.12,000 offered by the Mayor in part settlement of the debt. Mr. Singer said he was willing to consider IL.37,000, but the city treasury is not in a position to meet this offer. The water department, according to its chief, Mr. Z. Lethovita, was continuing to collect rates in an effort to raise the amount, but bodies such as the Jewish Agency and the Army were still in arrears.

Emergency diesel pumps have been supplying 8,000 cubic metres of water daily, instead of the normal 12,000 c.m., and tall buildings were without water most of the last two days. The water department has organized relief of hard-hit areas so that they all get a few hours supply in turn.

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Bnei Brak Mayor Denounces Ministerial 'Plot'

RAMAT GAN, Tuesday. — Mayor Yitzhak Gershenkorn of Bnei Brak last night termed the Minister of the Interior's plan to join his town to Givatayim and Ramat Gan a "plot" to dishonour Bnei Brak. Bnei Brak, he said, was an Orthodox town run in accordance with Jewish law unlike the others which were secular and organized places of entertainment like the Galei Gil swimming pool.

He was speaking at a reception in his honour prior to his departure for a visit to the U.S. Other speakers, who included many rabbis and religious Councillors, also objected to the plan which, it was said, had been communicated to the Municipalities concerned by Mr. Israel Rokach, the Minister. It is understood that the Ramat Gan and Givatayim municipalities are in favour of the merger.

RABBI MEIR BA'AL HA-NESS DAY

TIB... AS, Tuesday. — Tiberias today observed Rabbi Meir Ba'al Ha-Ness Day. Services at the Old Synagogue were attended by the Mayor and rabbis of the town. Members of youth movements took part in the procession which followed and Torah-scrolls were carried, amidst singing, through the streets. Fire-signals were lit on the roof of the building above the Rabbi's grave.

Rabbinical Courts' Jurisdiction Defined by New Law

POST Legal Correspondent

The exclusive jurisdiction of Rabbinical Courts is to be limited to marriage, divorce and alimony, Mr. Haim Cohen, the Attorney General stated yesterday while analysing the draft law on marriage and divorce at a press conference in Jerusalem.

This jurisdiction will only be over Jewish residents, who need not be citizens, Mr. Cohen said. In all other matters of personal status, the consent of both parties is required, before the Rabbinical Courts may assume jurisdiction. If such consent is given, it will also be possible for non-Jews to enter into litigation before the Rabbinical Courts.

After consideration by a large number of committees, the Tenants' Protection Bill, altered in several fundamental respects, is to be retabled in the Knesset, the Attorney General declared. Instead of rent increase of 60, 80, and 100 per cent, for one, two and three-room apartments, the increase will now amount to 70, 100 and 130 per cent respectively. According to the testimony of experts before an inter-ministerial committee, this change is not expected to affect the cost-of-living index materially.

Eviction of Tenants

Other alterations to the draft provide that apartment owners may demand eviction if the tenant violates any clause of the lease. Although this was the position under the Mandate, it was originally proposed to limit eviction to cases where the tenant had failed to pay rent.

The Courts are, however, given authority to refuse to evict the tenant, though he may have violated the lease, if it does not seem "equitable" to do so.

Another change applies to mortgages. The first draft provided that if a person had mortgaged his property and was unable to pay the instalments, the creditor could take the property over. He could not, however, demand that the former owner leave; although the creditor became the owner, the former owner remained a "protected tenant". Banks protested against this section and declared that they would not be able to issue mortgages under such a ... tion.

The new draft provides that the parties may make an express provision, stipulating that the former owner must give up the property entirely. If this is not stipulated, he may remain as a protected tenant.

Among the first draft laws to be tabled in the Knesset when it reconvenes, are the Safety of Borders and the Offences against the State Bills. Also to be tabled shortly in the Knesset, are the Government Service and the Pension Bills. Both were approved recently by an inter-ministerial committee which finally decided questions about which differences of opinion had arisen between the drafters and the Civil Servants' Association.

Once the Offences against the State Bill, has been passed, Mr. Cohen said, it would be easier to take action on the proposal to abolish the death penalty. Since the Offences against the State Bill provides for the death penalty for treason, it was imperative to await the decision of the Knesset before tabling the Death Sentences Bill (which proposes to repeal the death penalty for murder).

Legal Tangle Around 'Ben Hecht'

Although the s.s. Ben Hecht has long outlived its usefulness as a blockade runner bringing immigrants to Palestine, she is more than ever the centre of a raging legal and political controversy. According to the Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohen, three suits—two in America and one in Israel—are pending to determine to whom the ship belongs.

The ship was sent into action in America by the League for a Free Palestine, one of the organizations led by Peter Bergson (Hillel Kook, former M.K.). The purchase of the s.s. Ben Hecht was financed by a company of seven owner-directors, who registered her in the name of the company and considered the League to be their creditor.

When the boat was confiscated by the Mandatory Government and later taken over by the Government of Israel, the company sued the latter before the Israel Shipping Tribunal for IL.80,000. A move by the Government to have the action struck out was rejected by the Court, and the case is still pending.

Gift to State

In the interim, Mr. Cohen stated at his press conference yesterday, five of the seven owners of the company have presented the Government of Israel with their shares in the company as a gift. The State having majority rights then called a general meeting and decided to cancel the power of attorney given to the advocates of the company in Israel. The meeting resolved instead to vest an irrevocable power of attorney in the Attorney General of Israel.

Thereupon the remaining two directors of the company took legal steps (in American courts) to set aside the gift made by the other directors to the State. They argued that the Israel Government had used fraudulent means to effect the transfer. They stressed that the fraud was not so much against them, as against their creditors, the League for a Free Palestine.

Similarly, a $20,000 damage suit was filed in New York against Mr. Arthur Lourie, Consul General, and other officials of the Government, for having "fraudulently damaged the League".

Mr. Cohen stated that he would not withdraw the suit filed against the Government here, though he has the legal power to do so (having been issued a power of attorney by the majority of the company), until the Government is cleared of the charge of "fraud" in the American courts. He added that the two directors had approached public figures in America on the issue and were trying to mobilize public opinion against the Israel Government. Mr. Cohen asserted however, that he would not be diverted from his course by "blackmail".

More to Be Paid for Wheat

Israel will pay seven dollars more for a ton of wheat this August under the International Wheat Agreement, Dr. L. Samuel, Israel's representative at the Wheat Conference held recently in Washington, told the press in Jerusalem yesterday. The rise, which is due to the new price of $2.05 a bushel, will affect 41 other countries as well.

Shipping prices, however, have dropped by as much as $10 a ton for wheat.

The Conference increased Israel's quota from 160,000 to 215,000 tons a year. Another 10,000 may also be available, he said. Israel's consumption, however, is already 270,000 tons annually, of which only 13,000 tons were delivered out of last year's local crop, which was estimated at about 35,000 tons. Dr. Samuel estimated that local production could easily reach 60 to 80,000 tons.

The International Wheat Agreement is based on the principle that the major growers undertake to sell their quotas to the buying countries at a price not higher than the maximum fixed under the Agreement, which at present is $2.05 a bushel, ten cents less than on the free market; the buying countries undertake to pay the minimum price (at present $1.85 a bushel) even if free market prices are lower.

Mr. A. Halevi, Head of the Food Department in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, said that despite the campaign to cut bread wastage and the use of bread for animal fodder, no improvement had been noted. Matters even deteriorated further when the price of fodder was raised recently and the gap between it and the price of bread thus widened.

Mr. Halevi said that new bread prices are being discussed, but that the rise will take place gradually with consideration for the possible effect this might have on the public.

Wholesale Prices Rose Last Month

The wholesale-price index reached a new high of 925 in March (June 1936=100) according to figures reported in the current issue of the "Statistical Bulletin." The increase was mainly the result of price rises in the categories "fuel and miscellaneous" and "other foods" (other than grains, meat, and eggs).

In the "fuel and miscellaneous" group, soap rose 38% and petrol 14%, while in "other foods," local butter went up 40%, milk and tomatoes, 14%, and bananas, 10%.

The wholesale-price index for selected previous months was as follows: Feb. 1953—875, Mar.—858, Sept.—778, Oct.—783, Nov.—802, Dec.—826, Jan. 1953—880, Feb. — 912.

FOUR SENTENCED FOR SELLING AMMUNITION

NAHARIYA, Tuesday. — Four Daliat el Carmel residents were given five months in prison and a IL.100 fine each for selling ammunition to infiltrators, by a military court in Acre today. For possession of the ammunition sold they received an additional five months' term each, but they will serve the sentences concurrently.

SIX YEAR-OLD FOUND AFTER SEARCH

A twelve-hour search by police ... and 30 civilian volunteers led to the discovery after midnight of six-year-old Leal Sofy of Dalyat el Carmel, who was found sleeping peacefully in a ... grove after disappearing from his home on Monday afternoon.

Committee to Study De-Control of Drugs

The possibility of de-controlling certain medicines is being studied by a four-man advisory committee appointed yesterday by Mr. Joseph Serlin, the Minister of Health. Sufficient stocks of certain items have accumulated since controls were first imposed at the beginning of 1952 to make decontrol in some cases feasible, it was said.

The Committee is also to determine the quantities of drugs which each wholesaler should maintain in reserve.

LEBANESE CHARGE ISRAEL

The Israel-Lebanon M.A.C. met at Rosh Hanikra yesterday morning and proceeded to Ain e-Shush village to investigate a Lebanese complaint, ANA reports. The Lebanese charged that Israel soldiers entered the village on Monday, stole 700 sheep and abducted the shepherds.

TRADE. — The Soviet Union and East Germany signed a new trade agreement for 1954 yesterday. The pact increases the volume of exchange goods compared with the previous year.

Traffic Light for Main T.A. Crossing

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Kikar Magen David Adom, the junction of Allenby and King George Streets, and also of Nahlat Binyamin, Rothkin and Carmel, will be controlled from this Thursday by seven sets of traffic lights on all the corners surrounding it. Lights will also control the heavy pedestrian traffic which crosses Allenby Road.

Simultaneously, traffic along King George Street will be turned northwards into Allenby, and the number 6 and 13 buses will therefore not turn into Rehov Hasvoda, but directly into their terminals in Rehov Merkaz Ba'alei Melacha.

A few days later, the second stage of turning hundreds of streets here into one-way roads with a view to streamlining the traffic will be undertaken by turning Rehov Nahlat Binyamin into a one-way thoroughfare from Allenby Road all the way southwards, and by making Rehov Herzl one-way northwards. Major traffic to the north will move along Rehov Herzl, continue in Rehov Hashahar (the direction of which will be reversed), and then towards Rehov Hakovshim and Rehov Hayarkon to the north.

When this is done the number 6 and number 2 buses will be combined, allowing the public to travel right across the city without changing. Rehov Nahlat Binyamin will probably remain a two-way street for buses only, but this is still under discussion.

Cinema Warned Against Maki Rallies

A letter threatening to set the Semadar Cinema in Jerusalem on fire if Communist meetings were held there was received by the cinema's management yesterday. The letter, sent from Tel Aviv, was signed "Brit Hamoledet," the group which reportedly sent threatening letters to Jascha Heifetz before the attack on him.

A May Day rally of the Communist Party is scheduled at the cinema for tomorrow night.

Threatening letters and telephone calls were received on several previous occasions when meetings of left-wing groups were to have been held at the Semadar, leading in some instances to the cancellation of the meetings.

Two other cinemas where Communist meetings were scheduled, the "Gal Or" in Ramat Itzhak and the "Eylon" in Ramle, have received similar notices with the same signature. In all three cases, the letters were turned over to the Police.

Tartar Stranded At Lydda Airport

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — A Tartar heavyweight boxing champion, on his way from Harbin, North China, to Turkey, was stranded here without his luggage for over a day this week.

Mr. A. Sultanov, 41, who used to instruct members of the Betar Club in Harbin, decided to leave Communist China after being imprisoned four times by the authorities. He arrived here together with a group of new immigrants and passengers bound for Egypt and Turkey in a chartered plane, but had been told that the Cyprus Airways' plane due to take him on from here was full. He therefore remained here for a later plane but found all this luggage had been sent on ahead.

MUSHROOMS: A WARNING

Wild mushrooms which have not been identified by an expert should not be eaten under any circumstances, the Ministry of Health warned yesterday. Consumers should purchase only those mushrooms marketed through regular channels, it was said.

"Blackleg" Labour Sent Home

RAMLE, Tuesday (ITIM). — About 100 unorganized labourers, including some 30 Arabs from Lydda and here, were forced to stop work by representatives of the local Labour Exchange today. They had been taken on by private farmers to work lands between this town and Kibbutz Nachshon and had reportedly agreed to work at "blackleg" prices.

Labour exchange officials said they would continue to stop the employment of labourers not hired through the Exchange.

Cultural Exchange Pact Signed with Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Tuesday (Reuter). — Mr. Moshe Sharett and Dr. Geronimo Remorino, Foreign Ministers of Israel and the Argentine respectively signed a cultural agreement on behalf of their countries last night.

Mr. Sharett had called on President Juan Peron earlier in the day.

The agreement establishes facilities for the interchange of university professors, lecturers and students, the creation of scholarships and university chairs and provides for reciprocal facilities for scientists and humanists.

Special emphasis is laid on the teaching of Spanish in Israel and Hebrew in Argentina.

Mr. Sharett, who returned here yesterday after a trip to Chile, was prevented by a mild attack of influenza from proceeding today to Montevideo for a visit to Uruguay, AP reports. From Uruguay he is to proceed to Brazil. He is expected back in Jerusalem on May 10.

Arab Teachers' Seminar Reopens

Israel can take pride in the fact that an indigenous Arab culture is developing here, Mr. Mohammed Nimr el Hawari, a prominent lawyer, said recently in Jaffa at the re-opening session of a seminar for Arab teachers. Forty-four teachers and principals are registered for the three-month intensive course which is aimed at refreshing pedagogical knowledge and giving instruction in the Hebrew language and Israel citizenship.

The seminar was originally opened at the beginning of 1950 in the Hassan Arafat School in Jaffa. More than 100 Arab school and kindergarten teachers were graduated in two eight-month courses. Two years ago the seminar had to be closed down because of lack of suitable accomodations.

MISCHA ELMAN CHIDES HEIFETZ

Mr. Jascha Heifetz should not have offended the susceptibilities of an Israel audience by playing music by Richard Strauss, Mr. Mischa Elman, the violinist, said in Johannesburg recently, the "Herut" daily newspaper reports.

"It is not a qestion of Strauss' importance as a composer but rather of good taste. Mr. Heifetz displayed a contempt for Israel hospitality," Mr. Elman is quoted as saying.

$.500 BIDS MADE FOR REPARATIONS GOODS

COLOGNE, Tuesday, (AFP). — Dr. F. E. Shinnar, Director of the Israel Purchasing Mission here, said yesterday that $.500 offers to supply reparations goods had been received from various German manufacturers.

SWEDISH CANTOR COMING TO STUDY

STOCKHOLM, Tuesday (INA). — Mr. Leo Rosenbluth, chief cantor of the Stockholm Jewish community, has been awarded a Jewish Community — World Jewish Congress Ehrenpreiss scholarship for a study trip to Israel.

Mr. Rosenbluth will give recitals in Israel and will also sing in Copenhagen, Antwerp, Amsterdam and Rome on his journey.

NETHERLANDS ENVOY

The new Netherlands Minister, Mr. G.W. Boissevain, will present his credentials to the president in Jerusalem next week.

BRITAIN REPLANS ATOM CONTROL

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter).— Sir Winston Churchill told the Commons today that a committee had been set up to devise a plan for the transfer of responsibility for developing atomic energy from the Ministry of Supply to "a nondepartmental organization."

The Prime Minister said that no further statement on the precise form of organization could be made until the committee had prepared a plan and it had been studied by the Government.

British Trade Unions Wary of State Control

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Britain's trade union leaders today sounded a warning to the Labour Party on the need to tread carefully before embarking on new nationalisation proposals.

Their words came hard on the heels of a week-end policy-making conference of the Labour Party's National Executive at which various new aspects of public control were proposed.

In a half yearly report the Trades Union Congress, which represents 8 million organised industrial workers, declared, "In our judgment nationalisation is not a project to be considered in isolation. Our task is to ensure that the nation's economic strength is so built up that the standard of living of our people does not fall in the years immediately ahead and that we improve the present standard as quickly as we can."

Trade Union leaders recently declined the Labour Party's invitation to sit in on working committees which have been mapping out its new policy. But they are in consultation with the party on various aspects of planning. They resisted a proposal for nationalization of rented land — since rejected at the week-end labour conference — and urged caution over a further plan for nationalisation of large chemical firms.

CANNIBALISM IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, Tuesday (UP). — Natives have testified in East London at the trial of four Africans charged with murdering a Roman Catholic nun, Elsie Quinlan, that they were given pieces of her burned body to eat.

Two men and two women are charged with murdering the nun at the height of recent riots which swept East London township. She was burned to death in her car which had been set afire.

Pathologists testified at the trial, continuing today, that her body had been hacked to pieces after her death.

'Little Balkans' Plan Military Conference

ATHENS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Talks between the Greek, Yugoslav and Turkish General Staffs will take place here about the middle of next week, a Greek General Staff spokesman said today.

The Yugoslav Ambassador to Britain, General Vladimir Velebit, left London by train today on his way to Belgrade for consultations with Foreign Minister Kocha Popovic.

The Yugoslav envoys in Paris, Bonn and Rome have also been recalled for consultations expected to last about ten days.

3 SEAMEN JAILED FOR JUMPING SHIP

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Three seamen of the merchant marine, Dov Ahlvi, 26, Ya'acov Morrison, 27, and Rahamim Erev, 31, all of Tel Aviv, who had jumped ship in New York on separate occasions during 1951-1952, were sentenced to four, three and one month's imprisonment respectively by a Tel Aviv Magistrate yesterday.

Cables in Brief

EXPLOSION.—An explosion aboard the U.S. carrier Bonhomme Richard killed 11 and injured 200. The carrier had docked at Guantanamo, Havana, the U.S. Navy announced.

SUDETENS. — The Czechoslovak Government has approved a bill to restore Czech citizenship to those Germans still in Czechoslovakia, according to a Tass message received in London. The Germans are those left behind after the mass expulsions which ended in 1946.

RETURN.—Over 500 persons, many of them young Chinese students, arrived here in Hong Kong aboard the Dutch motorship Tjiwangi and boarded trains for Communist China. Many of the group were Indonesians.

MEAT.—The British weekly meat ration is to be increased from 1/9 to 2/- worth from May 17 (from about eight to ten ounces). The Food Ministry will in addition release 11,000 tons of corned beef from war-time reserves.

EVEREST.—Two Britons, H. Ellison and H. Maddox, set out from Bombay yesterday for Khatmandu to explore the watershed between Mt. Makalu and Mt. Everest.

EDEN.—Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, has been advised to have a second operation within a few days "in view of the possibilities of jaundice." Mr. Eden, 56, had gall bladder operation at the London Clinic on April 12.

HAMLET.—Shakespeare's "Hamlet" was televised for the first time in New York last Sunday. Mr. Maurice Evans played the Prince in the two-hour production.

VOLCANO.—Mount Aso, volcano on Kyushu, southernmost island of Japan, erupted again early yesterday. Aso eruption on Monday killed about 10 persons and injured nearly 100.

WOOL.—A wool futures market is opening in London today for the first time in Britain.

BOER.—Jasper van der Westhuizen, once personal bodyguard to President Kruger of the Transvaal, died in Pretoria on Monday night, aged 90.

EGYPT.—Former Governor of Cairo Kamel El Kawish and six lesser-known Egyptians, all arrested in a round-up of political and military figures last January, were released on Monday night.

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SUMMER has hardly begun and Jerusalem is already afflicted with a shortage of water. The scarcity is not created by any act of nature or prolonged drought but is simply a linking of circumstances which could easily have been controlled had there been elementary commonsense in the conduct of some of the City's public utilities.

WATER IN JERUSALEM

Last Friday, when Jerusalem was still in a state of suspense as a result of the outbreak of shooting across the border with Jordan, was the occasion chosen by the Jerusalem Electric Corporation to cut off its supply of electricity to the city's pumping station. Thus at a time when it was a matter of high importance that every tank and cistern in the city should be full this public utility took measures which resulted in the supply of water being drastically reduced in most areas and leading to complete failure in others. Nearly a week later, there are still some districts entirely without water.

The State Controller, reporting recently on the Jerusalem Municipality, took occasion to remark that the working of this most vital service—the Water Department—was of a most casual nature. It seems to be more than that and this latest failure is only one in a mounting series of incidents which have made the administration of the capital of Israel a laughing stock. It is suggested that this is no occasion for pitiful and protracted negotiations on the part of the hapless Mayor of this city, nor is it a time for heartrending appeals to the private concessionaires to be charitable to this great city and to wait for their £60,000 a little while longer until the inefficient collection department of the municipal water authority is able to extract payment from those who have defaulted so that they and those who have paid can receive their water supply.

This is a case for the immediate intervention of the Minister of the Interior or some other executive branch of the Government. When teachers strike because their salaries have not been paid, there is an immediate outcry but when a private concessionaire holds a whole city to ransom, for what is in relation to national finance a trifling sum, then nothing seems to be done. Nor should citizens be content, when this immediate emergency has been met, to allow matters to rest where they are. There must be a quick and thorough overhaul of the working of the Jerusalem Municipality Water Department. If there has been waste through faulty pipes for all these years why has no action been taken on the matter before and who is responsible for concealing the serious nature of the position? If, there is a deficit of £550,000 in the accounts of the Water Board, who is the authority responsible who allowed such a situation to arise? What is being done to deal with the situation fundamentally?

And this leads to the question of the commission of enquiry which sat to consider the whole problem of Jerusalem's government and its report. If they have not already completed their deliberations they might well take this latest civic scandal under advisement. It is also recommended that the committee of Mapai and General Zionists might also realize that what is happening in Jerusalem is an indication that the country cannot wait indefinitely for a clean-up in civic management pending the nice adjustment of inter-party balances. Mayor Khriv, as a nominee of the religious parties in the Municipality, is probably acquainted with the Rabbinic aphorism "Ein mayyim ella Torah." "There is no water but learning." May we suggest a new translation, "Water is nothing but commonsense!"

Goans in Bombay Anger Portugal

BOMBAY, Tuesday (AP). — The Portuguese Consul here protested to the police yesterday against the occupation by "unauthorized persons" of the premises of the Indo-Portuguese Institute. He is reported to be also protesting to the State Government about "forcible" occupation by Goan Nationalists who demand Portugal's withdrawal from Goa, Daman and Diu colonial settlements.

The police declined to intervene but are guarding the entrance to the Institute to prevent a possible clash between pro- and anti-Portuguese Goans.

Meanwhile, a branch of the Portuguese Banco Nacional Ultramarino here closed down after the Indian Government ordered the Bank not to accept deposits. This order came in retaliation to Portugal's refusal to permit Indian banks to open branches in Goa.

CAPTIVE IN KOREA

By PHILIP DEANE

ON the morning of July 23, 1950, shells from North Korean howitzers were crashing into Yongdong, disintegrating building after building. The advanced headquarters of the United States First Cavalry Division were pulling out. Signal trucks and weapon carriers were roaring south, dodging the craters and occasionally disappearing for good in the flash of an explosion. Seven miles northwest, on the main road to Taejon, the 71st Tank Company, under Lieut. Bob Freeman, was covering the retreat, and this was the only force available to stem the tide of 15 Red divisions pouring south.

Communist armour was reported moving to attack Lieut. Freeman's force. I left headquarters by jeep to cover the engagement. Three miles out of the town we came under sniper fire. We drove on. A few moments later our sump was pierced, and the engine seized. We dived for the side of the road, followed by bullets. A blond G.I. — he could not have been more than 18 — was hit in the back. He screamed: "Mama!" I crawled towards him. Blood was throbbing in torrents from his lips. I looked for his identity discs. He had none.

Kitchen of Death

Fifty yards away three jeeps stood before a small farmhouse. We crawled the 50 yards through a shallow ditch still followed by bullets. In the sunken kitchen of the farmhouse there were five G.I.s. They were not firing. Two others were dead: their bodies were being used as sandbags. Ray Rothermel and Slim Devorak, both 18, who had ditch-crawled with me, took charge.

"Draw a bead on those snipers and let them have it."

Shooting over the threshold and through holes punched in the flimsy mud walls the G.I.s covered the enemy fire. One died, then another, then a third. The last, a tall, lanky child from the Middle West, was hit in the head. His brain poured from the hole in his temple, flies desecratingly crawled into his mouth and nostrils. Lying on the blood-soaked earthen floor, my face not ten inches from his, I watched him die: the dying lasted 90 minutes. "What's it all about?" he had asked me.

A moment later the seventy-fives of Lieut. Freeman's tanks were silenced. Then both Ray Rothermel and Slim Devorak were wounded.

I crawled out of the kitchen to one of the jeeps on the road. I tried the starter. The engine was dead. The next one was all right. As I jumped into the seat bullets hit the windscreen: it looked like a sheet of old mica in a kitchen stove. The car was facing the wrong way. If only I could turn it, get the kids in and drive like hell for Yongdong, we might make it, as we had done before when we ran the Taejon gauntlet. First gear, then reverse. Eternities passed. A bullet hit my right hand, and I looked unbelievingly at the blood spurting out. One never believes this sort of thing can happen — "not to me." First gear, reverse, first again. Four tommygun bullets hit my left thigh. I could still work the clutch. At last the jeep was facing the right way. I called into the farmhouse, telling the two who were not wounded to bring out Slim and Ray. Bullets whammed into the engine and it died away. The tyres collapsed. I crawled back into the farmhouse.

We lay there, our faces pressed to the blood on the floor, wheezing helplessly as bullets missed by inches. We lay there, numb and frightened, physically sick with our fright. Between the salvoes, weird, guttural shouts came from all directions. The shouts came nearer. It was three o'clock in the afternoon when two Korean tommy-gunners jumped into our refuge and closed in to cut Slim and Ray couldn't do it. Blinking shrewdly at each other, the two little enemy soldiers fired bursts into the wounded boys. Between the survivors and freedom there was now an impenetrable curtain, the sleet of our captors' tommy-guns.

We were marched out on to the road, the three of us. First our watches were taken. Then our socks and shoes. We were stripped to our underpants. (The Koreans seemed to like T-shirts.) We were told to kneel and our hands were tied behind our backs with telephone wire. Six days earlier, after a local counter-attack, some G.I.s, stripped like us, their hands tied behind with telephone wire, had been found shot in the back of the neck, and all three of us knew it.

Brutal Attack

They did not shoot us. Instead, they beat us, kicked us on the ground and shouted at us — insults perhaps, but we could not understand. When that was over we were marched to a command post on the top of a leafy hill. There were other prisoners there — six of them. Two were ordered to stand up. The two who were badly wounded were finished off, this time with a pistol.

In single file, almost naked, our hands tied behind, we set off along goat paths, bare feet over loose stones. We marched.

Because of my wounds I was raging with fever, and the loss of blood accentuated my thirst. At dawn we stopped — for the first time — beside a muddy pool, and the guard indicated that we could have a drink. Flat on our bellies, we drank and drank. A lazy water-snake, disturbed, slithered out into the grass. Then the march went on through the day. Flies succeeded the mosquitoes of the night. The sun rose in a clear blue sky, drilling into our uncovered heads. And out of the sun, screaming, United Nations jet-planes dived straight at us, spewing bullets.

Paddy-Field Drink

Lying half submerged in a flooded rice paddy we were shaken by terror out of the daze into which we had been plunged by exhaustion and sunstroke. You feel so much more helpless when your hands are tied behind your back, when you are bleeding, when in every village on the route you have been beaten and kicked in the scrotum by inhabitants to whom you have been offered as a sitting prey by your Korean guards. The silver birds passed, but we stayed in the paddy. When the beat of our pulses no longer filled our consciousness we felt the thirst again. Rice paddies are fertilised with human excreta, but we drank, drank deep and dipped our burning heads in the stinking water. A shaggy, dusty buzzard dropped not six feet away from me and resumed the meal the pilots of the United Nations had interrupted. Under his claws was the half-eaten face of an American sergeant. We marched.

Heads down, we were fascinated by grotesque lumps of oozing, purulent flesh that kept placing themselves rhythmically before each other under our eyes. It was a shock to realise that they were feet. Our feet. And then the planes came again, and we lay again in the excremental bilge, and we drank of it deep. Once we were given a basket of food. The food looked black. As we put in our hands the flies rose, and the food was white. It was boiled rice that had fermented. I could not keep it down.

The march that had begun on Sunday the 23rd ended on Friday the 28th in a small valley near Sawon. Here were the Communist Army headquarters. There was an interpreter who became excited when I told him I was a journalist. They marched me off to a small clearing and made me kneel. Standing before me was a man in jackboots, breeches and T-shirt. He had three "English-speakers" with him. As soon as I answered the question of one interpreter, the second said I was a liar while the first translated it to the interrogator. Then, immediately, the third interpreter asked another question.

First Interpreter: What plane have the Americans got? — You don't think they'd tell them to a journalist?

Second Interpreter: You're a liar!

Third Interpreter: When are the Americans going to counter-attack? — I don't know.

First Interpreter: Yes!"is a lie!

Second Interpreter: Describe to us the rocket the Americans have which "homes" on the metals of our tanks! — I've never heard of such a rocket.

Third Interpreter: Yes!"is a lie.

These were about a dozen questions, each more unanswerable than the previous one. It wasn't that one could not be "broken down" by this fact-shouting blind dogma, but that one simply did not know the answers. Yet the interrogator persevered putting the same questions in different words, in a different order, faster and faster, through his three interpreters, interposing threats that he would use the pistol in his hand. One became obsessed with keeping track of previous answers.

I fell asleep and, from my kneeling position, dropped on to my face. I awoke with a sharp pain in my left side. I had to kneel again. This went on from sunset until the black sky had turned to blue again in the east.

At last it was over. I was put into a jeep and driven to Seoul. There, in a small Japanese villa, a flat-faced Korean in a Malenkov suit — buttons all the way up — tried to persuade me to broadcast over the North Korean radio, condemning the Americans. To make a broadcast, he said, was the only way I could let my wife know that I was alive. He preferred not to comprehend that I could broadcast such an assurance without accusing the Americans of atrocities. He persisted for a whole day, giving me the first taste of the "brain-washing" technique that was to be applied much more insistently later on. In the end he washed his hands of me. He handed me the bloodstained fatigues of a dead G.I., and a pair of rubber sandals.

"You are not co-operative," he said. "You will be taken to Pyongyang. They can deal with you there."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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CORRESPONDENT'S RETURN

Philip Deane, a correspondent of the London "Observer" who was among the first of the prisoners-of-war to be repatriated from the Koreas war zone, today begins an account of his capture and imprisonment. The photo above, by June Brown of the "Observer" shows Deane and his wife following their reunion in London last week.

MUSICAL DIARY

ONE of the most delightful offerings in recorded opera that we have heard in a long time was Gian-Carlo Menotti's one-act "The Telephone", broadcast over Kol Yisrael on Saturday morning. The American-Italian composer himself wrote the English libretto, which turns out to be a kind of farcical counterpart to Cocteau's "La Voix Humaine". The 20 minute opera bouffe continues the tradition of Donizetti and Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari ("Il Segreto di Susanna").

Menotti always strikes an individual and strictly personal note creating a highly amusing and elegant conversation piece. The two antagonists were fascinatingly interpreted by Frank Rogier and Marylin Cotler; the small orchestra was conducted by Emanuel Balaban.

Chamber Music

Some enchanting chamber music was presented at Kol Yisrael's "Front Duet to Octet" concert on Monday night at the Bet Hahalusot. Haydn's Duo for violin (S. Mishori) and 'cello (J. Menze) and Mozart's quintet (K.515) for two violins (S. Mishori and Isiah Braker, a pupil of David Oistrach); two violas (Gideon Rohr and Arieh Mirkin) and 'cello (J. Menze) were given a delightful performance, more inspired than any we remember from this ensemble. Yohanan Bohm's Trio for clarinet (Melvyn Keller); fagott (Avner Aharon) and horn (Avraham Aharoni) — a premiere — is bucolic in its pastoral mood, reminiscent of a Boecklin painting, and never verbose; the concentration of harmonics recall Reger and Honegger. The rendering was vivid and gay.

FRANGO

In Tel Aviv

The Israel Contemporary Music Centre must for once be congratulated upon the inspiring collection of modern works performed at the Beit Hahalutsot Hall in Tel Aviv on Thursday night. The evening's enjoyment was enhanced by the intellectual awareness of the participating artists.

A young pianist, Hadassah Brill, excellently succeeded in awakening the audience's interest in Ernst Toch's "Profiles" (1948) and Arnold A. Walter's Sonata (1948). Both works appear to be pleasant rather than important. The Sonata — the composer is the principal of the Toronto Conservatoire of Music — never transcends modern expressionism and I should be much mistaken if it has not before now served as a stimulus for modern dancers.

The following Sonata for two Violins by the Israel composer Mordecai Seter turned out to be the central piece of the whole evening. The author of the Sabbath Cantata invested his new work with some fanaticism in purity of thought and sound which was in itself captivating. In detail, his writing manifests skill and imagination as for instance in the exemplary utilisation of the dominating rhythmical figure in the second (allegro) movement; or the artful setting and development of the passionate third movement which aspires to the eloquence of Bach; or the contemplative prayer of the adagio. The fifth (and last) movement represents a whispering after-thought and makes an affected impression compared with the rest of the work. Lotrand Fenyes and Alice Fenyes-Rosenberg gave a memorable and thoroughly congenial performance.

The rest of the evening was no less attractive. Haim Alexander's Piano Variations are pleasantly written and served well as a few minutes' relaxation before we were confronted with Schoenberg's famous "Drei Klavierstuecke" (1909). Revolutionary music at one time, this piece of music belongs to the composer's own pre-dodecaphonic period on the one hand and to the pre-motoric period in the world of modern music on the other. As a striking contrast to this work, Copland's "Variations for Piano" (1930), proved a brisk and lovely statement, deeply assimilated into the world of motoric music.

Orah Rottenberg, another young pianist interpreted the three latter works with understanding and much technical and spiritual refinement.

Ein Gev Festival

Considering that the Music Festival is not staged exclusively for professional music lovers but rather for the general public in towns and settlements and for tourists, it should be brought to everyone's notice that the official transport agency in charge of this year's festival at Ein Gev did not sell more than 200 tickets in the three main cities.

The reasons why the general public was not too eager to make the trip were twofold: technical debacles which occurred at former festivals have been well publicised, and the programme offered only works and presented artists also to be heard not only in Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem but also in smaller towns such as Rehovot, Kiryat Haim etc.

It is not the purpose of these remarks to deal with the technical shortcomings which gave the Festival an occasionally chaotic character; we are interested rather in the problem of constructing the programme and feel that the members of Ein Gev who succeeded in interesting American art-lovers and securing considerable financial means to erect a stage and an auditorium have so far failed to conceive a really attractive idea for their Festival. True, members of the kibbutz like to stress that they used to call Ein Gev's Passover celebrations a "Music Week" rather than "Festival" and that the basic idea was in the Galilee and Jordan settlements a week of concentrated musical entertainment. This explanation is, however, contradicted by the fact that Ein Gev tries — not unnaturally — to attract music lovers from the cities and tourists.

But neither a Festival of Music nor a Musical Week should rely upon more or less incidental factors. It is my opinion that modesty is out of place where the aim is to attract thousands of music lovers during a holiday week in Spring.

Unusual Offerings

On the contrary, visitors must be offered something out of the ordinary; at least the fundamental idea must be uncommon. That Copland, Milhaud and Honegger were brought to Ein Gev was a fine thing, but not necessarily typical of what should be Ein Gev's Musical Week or Festival.

Then remains the question of the most suitable sort of entertainment for the kibbutz in other. Should a classical work of particular significance be produced, or local talent be enlisted to create an original work? If we assume that the idea of presenting works of different musical character on different days of the Festival should be abandoned in favour of one work of outstanding character, perhaps a pageant (based on music) which would evoke associations with the locale, history and scenery might meet the case admirably. Ein Gev might take upon itself the honour of presenting the first Mozart opera, though of course all 18th century operas needs publishing, performance.

The staging of the first genuine Israel Mozart opera in front on the shores of Lake Kinneret would present an attraction for us all — publicists, lovers and country dwellers and kibbutzniks' alike. Mr.

Readers' Letters

MUNICIPAL FAILURE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The Jerusalem Municipality struck at the inhabitants of the Capital without warning this weekend. Sunday morning, we learned the why of no water — the Municipality's negligence in paying its bills. To us who have scrupulously been paying our water bills on time this incompetence is all the more unjust.

How long will the Government which presumably has the interests of its citizens at heart permit a public utility to be the plaything of a group of individuals elected to serve the city? We know of municipalities which have been forced to resign for much lesser crimes. How soon will the Ministry of Interior put a stop to the reprehensible state of affairs in Jerusalem?

Yours etc.,
LARRY NYMAN

Jerusalem, April 20.

DUTCH IMMIGRANTS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The article on Dutch Jews in your supplement of March 30 hardly mentioned our boys and girls who were trained for agricultural, technical and other work.

In 1918 a group of young intellectuals pledged themselves to live in Israel, and nearly all came between 1919 and 1925. In 1918 too the Hachshara was organised for halutsim from Dutch and other origins trained on small farms after the first World War. These halutsim joined the Hehalutz Movement. The groups arrived here in 1920/21 to be followed by increasing numbers of trained people (1,800 by 1939). They are among the founders, not only of Sdeh Nehemiah and Gvar Am, but also of Beth Hashitah, Yavneh, Ein Hanaziv, Hakhoshlim, Beth Haemek, Kfar Yedidyah, Yokneam and Ramatayim. Many of them are in Gal Ed, Hayelet Hashachar, Dovrath, Regbah and Moledeth, to mention only a few. They were among the first in Eilat and Beersheba, among them three doctors. Besides "illegals" over 100 came via Cyprus.

In addition to these there are quite a number of manufacturers (founders of factories), bankers, social workers and others in every walk of life, both women and men.

The Dutch Zionist Organisation dates from the first years of this century; the settlers arrived in Palestine in 1908.

Yours etc.,
M. DE LEEUW GREEON
Hon. Secretary
Organisation of Immigrants From the Netherlands

Jerusalem, April 8.

TEACHING ENGLISH

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Severe, yet generally constructive criticism of the present heavy curriculum in English at our schools was expressed by teachers of English at their conference in Tel Aviv on March 25. Reforms on the following lines were suggested:

1. Whilst expressing the Ministry's determination to maintain the present high standard in English, the Inspector indicated that special provisions would be made for pupils who cannot reach such a standard. Subject to final approval by the Ministry he accepted the suggestion that such pupils should be allowed to take a more restricted syllabus.
2. The adoption of two alternative syllabuses in English must be regarded as an important step forward, as it will make for flexibility and the adaption of syllabuses to the individual needs of the pupils.
3. A further step in the right direction is the promised abolition of the present examination in English Grammar at the end of Form VI and its replacement with questions on incidental grammar. It has been long felt that the present examination in English grammar, far from serving any useful purpose, actually impedes progress in teaching English, as it lays undue stress on the imparting of formal grammar.
4. The Inspector met the teachers' criticism of the newly introduced text books in English literature by stressing the fact that these books should be regarded as merely experimental and subject to alterations to be made in the light of further experience.
5. The Ministry's acceptance in principle of an oral examination to supplement the paper work at bagrut level must also be welcomed.

It is to be hoped that these suggestions will be finally endorsed by the Ministry of Education and put into effect.

Yours too.
EVI H. KURZWEIL

Haifa.

SAFETY MEASURES

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — At the annual General Meeting of the Manufacturers' Association at the ZOA House a short circuit caused a small fire. Though it was extinguished before the fire brigade arrived, the following facts emerged:

- There are no fire-extinguishers in the entire building.
- No emergency exits are marked. There is only one visible exit leading from the hall to the ground floor.
- The assembly hall has a wooden floor and wood panelling, the adjacent hall has papered walls.

Do we need a major disaster before adequate safety measures are enforced in public halls?

Yours etc.,
J.W.

Tel Aviv, April 22.

Men and Things

THE remarkable attention being paid to the Coronation enrolls the supporters of many comparatively little known causes. Amongst those who have recently shown themselves are the Gideons, who came into being towards the end of the last century. There were two founders, American business men, one of whom had visited England where he came upon a bible placed in his hotel bedroom. Taking up this notion energetically, the Gideons have now placed bibles in most of the hotel bedrooms in America; and the English branch of the society has now announced its Coronation plan for 50,000 bibles in London hotels. If residential charges come out as generally expected, guests will not have far to seek immaterial succour upon being presented with bills.

The general idea of the Gideons is sound. Let the means of enlightenment be placed close to the hands of many and some few at least will avail themselves. But also how depressingly true is it that you may bring a horse to the water but cannot make him drink. The modern world is littered with excellent machinery for better living but most of it is rusting from disuse. International courts of justice, leagues, protocols, and treaties, the pacts, understandings, conventions, codes, and programmes, stand about like out-of-works, cap in hand and anxious to be put to work. But the world will seldom give them a real trial, an honest start in life; it is so much easier and more amusing to organize something new.

W.L.B.

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NATURE NOTES

The Humble Helix

TERRESTRIAL snails do not grow spectacularly large in Israel, as they do in France for example, where they are bred and eaten. But they are the gardener's bane here as elsewhere nonetheless. Who has not seen them decorating the shrubs and herbs on the dunes in the coastal plain in their millions, looking like flowers from a little distance, so closely are they clustered on their unfortunate and unwilling hosts? During the rainy season, at the beginning of which they are born as tiny as pinheads, the gardener picks them off his flowers by the handful. They seem to have a special preference for the snapdragon.

In their first year they reach about a fourth of an inch in diameter by the time summer has come, and they rarely grow older than three years. The kind most common in the coastal plain is Seetsen's snail, a flat little thing, dun in winter, chalk-white in summer. Like most other snails in our climate, they estivate — that is, they close up their house when the spring rains are definitely over and go to sleep until the first autumn rains awake them. It is lucky that they provide food for a good many birds, or they would soon take over the land.

Of the terrestrial snails of Israel which are not flat, like seetzeni, or round, like another fairly common and larger snail, the Jerusalem helix, the most numerous and pretty are Bultiminus labrosus, shaped like a rounded tower, and the broadly conical Helix tuber, with brown spots. None of the terrestrial snails, however, can compare in beauty with those of the ocean.

P.A.

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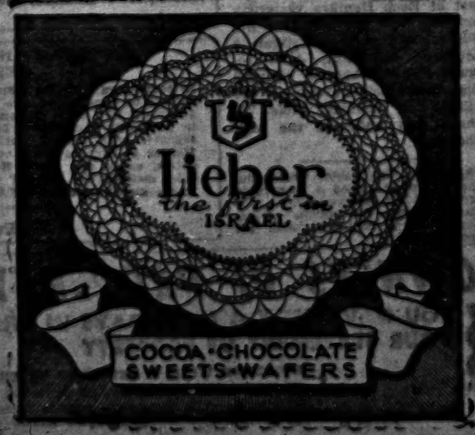

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